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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Production and Marketing Administration
Field Service Branch
Washington 25, D. C.

July 12, 1946

For New York and Pennsylvania State Offices, and County
Offices Participating in the Wheat Purchase Program

SUBJECT: GENERAL ADMINISTRATION No. 294

Re: Wheat Purchase Program

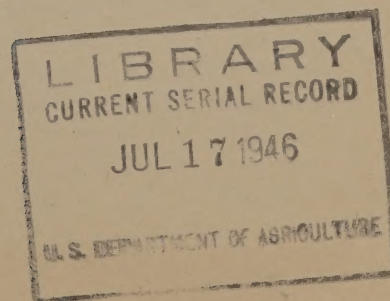
In another memorandum we have sent you a copy of Secretary Anderson's report to President Truman on "The 1945-46 Export Record."

According to our latest reports, 104,898 and 56,361 bushels of wheat were sold by New York and Pennsylvania farmers, respectively, to the Government for export to famine-ridden countries. We would like to take this opportunity to thank those farmers for their participation in this program. We know that in many cases the sale represented a personal sacrifice, particularly so as the sales came from a feed deficit area. These farmers may take pride in their contribution toward relieving the suffering of the many millions in dire need of assistance.

And to you in the State and county offices who put forth an effort to encourage these sales we want to say thank you for a job well done.

A. W. Manchester

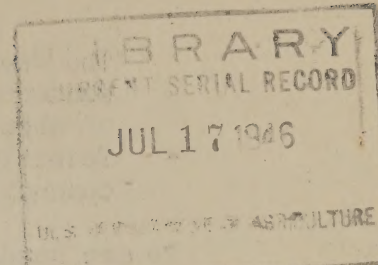
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For State Offices

SUBJECT: INFORMATION No. 47

Re: The 1945-46 Export Record

Enclosed is a copy of a report on the 1945-46 food export record which has been submitted to the President by Secretary Anderson. The Secretary's report is based on data supplied by the Production and Marketing Administration.

First of all, for the accomplishment of this tremendous export program, credit goes to the farmers who have turned out another year of record production and especially to those who have sacrificed livestock feed in favor of food for starving people the world over.

Second, credit goes to those consumers who have cooperated by eating a little less of the products needed for export, and in many other ways have made their contribution.

And third, I am sure that all State and county PMA personnel, the Federal and State agencies, and the many organizations which have been putting forth great effort during recent weeks to make this export program possible will take pride in the accomplishment this report represents.

To quote Bob Shields, PMA Administrator: "I want to say thanks. Many people of whom you never heard deeply appreciate your contribution to what adds up to a magnificent cooperative undertaking."

While exports to date have been tremendous the need still continues. We draw your attention to the following paragraphs of the Secretary's report.

"While it can be reported that we are nearing the end of the most urgent crisis for this year, and that the worst of the immediate dangers of famine have been forestalled, serious food needs abroad will continue for some time. Devastated countries cannot return to normal in a single year. When this year's harvests are completed for the northern hemisphere, we shall know a good deal more about the situation. In the meantime, we must continue relief shipments and be ready to meet at least the minimum future needs.

"The Department of Agriculture has already announced that by continuing conservation and wise use of supplies at home up to 250 million bushels of wheat can be made available for export during the 1946-47 year. Tentative plans are also being made for our shipments of other major commodities."

We are sending you a supply of the Secretary's report sufficient for distribution to State and county USDA Councils and to such other agencies and organization heads as may be appropriate. We believe it is important that those who have done so much to help have a report on what has been accomplished, what remains to be done, and a word of thanks for their continued effort.

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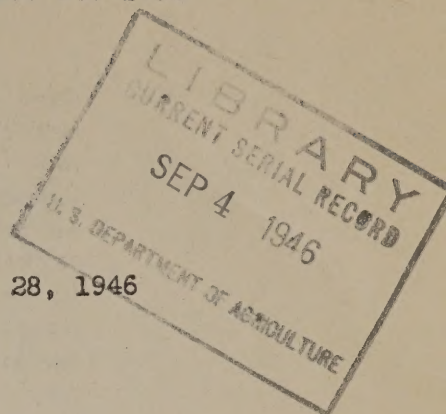
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August 28, 1946

FOR STATE OFFICES

SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS . . No. 38

Re: Release of Pullman Space

Supplement 1 (dated July 30, 1946) to Budget and Finance Circular 747 calls attention to certain changes in the tariff governing redemption of unused pullman tickets. Copies of the Supplement are attached.

The changes in the tariff were effective August 1, 1946, and require the release of pullman space one day (24 hours) prior to the departure of the train on which the space is reserved to insure relief of financial liability on the part of the Government for such space. Since travelers in turn become liable for the cost of unused and uncanceled reservations, except where failure to cancel is due to circumstances beyond their control, the provisions of the presently effective tariff should be carefully observed.

The pertinent provisions of the tariff are outlined below for your further information:

1. Sleeping or parlor car tickets may be canceled by city or depot ticket agents, irrespective of the office at which sold, if presented for cancellation 24 hours or more in advance of departure of trains for which sold.
 - a. Tickets sold for space in a car placed for occupancy before 12:00 midnight, but scheduled to depart at or after midnight, will be considered as having been sold for space in a car departing on the day the car was placed for occupancy.
 - b. Tickets for seat accommodations in sleeping or parlor cars may be canceled by agents if presented sufficiently in advance of departure of trains for which sold to permit reservations being released and replaced on sale.

2. When non-use of space is due to delayed arrival of a connecting train, ticket will be accepted by ticket agents in exchange for a new reservation of equivalent accommodations in a connecting train due to depart not later than the day following, or may be canceled if the traveler so desires. In cases of this kind no additional cost will be incurred if the reservation is exchanged; however, if it is not exchanged or cancellation is not requested, the Government will be obliged to pay the cost of the accommodation.
3. Tickets which will not be used should be reported to the ticket agent irrespective of the fact that less than 24 hours remain before departure of the train on which space was reserved. While he will not, in such a circumstance, have authority to cancel the reservation he can offer the space for resale. The traveler should report to the administrative office on the memorandum copy of transportation request the name of the agent together with the date and time he was notified that the space was available for resale. In such cases the facts will be reported to the Pullman Company by the office responsible for payment of passenger transportation vouchers and full or partial refund will be made if the space was sold for all or part of the distance between the points named on the ticket.

Unused or canceled pullman tickets should be disposed of in accordance with present instructions. If the unused ticket was not canceled due to negligence on the part of the traveler, the cost of the pullman ticket should be withheld from the traveler's voucher and a notation of the action taken entered on the memorandum copy of the transportation request before being forwarded to the Control Accounts and Audit Section. The Control Accounts and Audit Section will later determine and advise whether a part or all of the space was resold. The traveler may then reclaim up to the amount of the resale.

This information should be brought to the attention of each traveler in your office.

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Attachments: